

Welcome

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Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

- Provide information about Red Mountain Freeway construction
- Provide information about construction options on McKellips Road
- Gather community input



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Handout Materials

- Construction Option Comparison (also on boards)
- Comment Form
- Printout of Presentation



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Overview

- Currently the bulk of ADOT's urban freeway construction program is underway in the East Valley, the majority of which is in Mesa
 - 7 projects
 - Approximately 30 miles of length
 - Approximately \$650 million in value
- These projects represent the completion of the original MAG freeway plan approved by voters in 1984



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Red Mountain Freeway (North Loop 202)

8 miles under construction from Power Road to US 60

- Power to University Segment

- Construction underway on largest single contract ever let by ADOT, nearly \$200 million
- Arterial street detours and closures will continue throughout construction
- Expected to complete construction and open in Fall 2008



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Red Mountain Freeway (North Loop 202)

8 miles under construction from Power Road to US 60

- University to Southern Segment

- Arterial street detours will continue throughout construction
- Expected to complete construction and open in Summer 2007
- Landscaping design has begun



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Red Mountain Freeway (North Loop 202)

8 miles under construction from Power Road to US 60

- *SuperRedTan Traffic Interchange*
 - Includes work on US 60 from Power to Crismon and on Loop 202 from Southern to Baseline
 - Expected to complete construction and be open Summer 2007, along with University to Southern segment
 - Landscaping design 60% complete



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McKellips Road Construction – Current Plan

- Construction zone at crossing of arterials with freeway and CAP canal is very tight
- Construction activities will restrict traffic on McKellips for 12-16 months
- Construction activities will require at least 20 overnight and weekend closures
- All three arterials (McKellips, Brown and McDowell) will be under construction simultaneously



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Proposal for Local Traffic Only

Close McKellips for 7½ months between Terripin and 77th Place (local traffic only 77th Place to Ellsworth)

- Reduces construction zone conflict
- Eliminates uncertainty of changing traffic patterns and detours
- Increases contractor efficiency and quality
- Decreases construction time and cost
- Focuses construction on McKellips rather than simultaneously on McKellips, Brown, and McDowell



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Area Map



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Pros

- Motorists know what to expect for the entire duration of the construction activities
- Pulice to pay Mesa \$25,000 per month as a roadway rental fee, with a penalty added after 7½ months
- Pulice to install permanent traffic signal improvements and monitoring equipment for the City (estimated value of \$75,000)

Cons

- Expected congestion on parallel 1-mile arterials during closure
- Increased traffic on collector streets and north-south routes due to use by diverting traffic



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Next Steps

- Comment Forms due Tuesday, May 16 at 8 a.m.
- Leave forms this evening or mail, fax, e-mail
- City Council to receive report of community input on May 18, 2006
- City Council decision expected in May



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Thank You!

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